

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-14.

15. (Currently Amended) A controlled droplet-formed built-up layered structure, comprising:

a substrate,

at least two controlled droplet-formed layers, one layer at least partially atop another layer to form at least one built-up layer, each layer further comprising an array of controllably-placed material volumes having a thickness, each material volume having a selected magnitude and a selected position relative to adjacent material volumes, said array being formed by deposition of droplets of selected volume at selected locations with respect to one another;

wherein the structure is an adhesive label having facestock and an adhesive layer, the facestock and adhesive layer both being droplet-formed; and

wherein the structure comprises at least the following droplet-formed layers: a primer layer, a facestock layer, and a printcoat layer.

Cancel claims 16-23.

24. (Currently Amended) The laminate controlled droplet-formed built-up layered structure of claim 2315, wherein the laminate structure further comprises a printcoat layer and an image.

25. (Currently Amended) The laminate controlled droplet-formed built-up layered structure of claim 24, wherein the laminate structure further comprises a protective coat deposited over the image.

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39. (Currently Amended) A controlled droplet-formed layered structure, comprising:

a substrate;

at least two controlled droplet-formed layers, each further comprising an array of controllably-placed material volumes having a thickness extent, each material volume having a selected magnitude and a selected position relative to adjacent material volumes, said array being formed by deposition of droplets of selected volume at selected locations with respect to one another;

wherein the laminate controlled droplet-formed layered structure is a pressure sensitive adhesive label comprising the following droplet-formed layers atop a substrate: an adhesive layer, a face stock layer, a print coat layer.

40. (Currently Amended) A laminate controlled droplet-formed layered structure as described in claim 39, where the label further comprises the following droplet-formed layers: a primer layer and a print coat layer.

41. (Currently Amended) A laminate controlled droplet-formed layered structure as described in claim 39, in which said label is one label on a matrix-free label sheet of droplet-formed labels.

REMARKS

The Office Action of December 28, 2005 indicates that claims 23-25 and 39-41 are allowable, with minor correction with respect to Section 112. The allowable claims 23-25 and 39-41 have been amended to overcome the Section 112 rejection.

Claim 15 is rewritten to include all of the limitations of claim 23 and any intervening claim.

In claim 24, "printcoat layer" is deleted as it is now part of independent claim 15.

Generally, the term "laminate" is replaced with controlled droplet-formed layered structure or the like, to provide proper antecedent basis.

With respect to claim 23, which is now rewritten as claim 15, the Office Action indicates that the claim does not recite the order of the layers. That is correct, and nothing in the Patent Code, Rules or MPEP requires that the specific order be recited. Novelty and non-obviouness reside, *inter alia*, in the specific layers, but not in the order in which they appear in a particular embodiment.

With respect to claim 41, the term "matrix" is well known to those skilled in the label art. "Matrix" is the facestock that is left over after labels are die cut. "Matrix-free", as those skilled in the art will recognize, simply means there is not a matrix.

Also in claim 41, the explanation that the label is a label on a sheet of labels, simply means that the label is one of a plurality of labels that is on a sheet, thereby forming a sheet of labels. Again, this will be apparent to one skilled in the art who is reading the claim, which satisfies the requirements of the patent laws.

The remaining claims have been cancelled, solely for the purpose of obtaining a Notice of Allowance on the allowable claims, and without prejudice to re-assert the claims in a continuation application, if desired.